

5 make intellectual property filings in one or more target jurisdictions;
6 and
7 an intellectual property filing portal coupled by the network to the originating
8 and target nodes, the intellectual property filing portal responsive to a
9 selection at the originating node of at least one target jurisdiction and
10 associate for the intellectual property filing, supplying the originating
11 node with particularized requirements of the selected at least one target
12 jurisdiction and associate,
13 the intellectual property filing portal further responsive to receipt via the
14 network of one or more intellectual property filings prepared in
15 accordance with the particularized requirements of the selected target
16 jurisdictions and associates, supplying corresponding of the target
17 nodes with respective portions of the received intellectual property
18 filings for filing by respective of the selected associates in respective
19 of the selected target jurisdictions.

1 6. The information system of claim 5,
2 wherein the selection at the originating node includes selection of two or more
3 target jurisdictions.

1 7. The information system of claim 5, wherein for a particular selected target
2 jurisdiction and associate combination, the particularized requirements include:
3 formatting requirements for filing of the intellectual property filing in the
4 particular target jurisdiction; and
5 an encoding of at least one filing paper required by the particular target
6 jurisdiction.

1 8. The information system of claim 5, wherein for a particular selected target
2 jurisdiction and associate combination, the particularized requirements include:
3 an enumeration of data fields for which values specific to the intellectual
4 property filing are to be supplied from the originating node to allow
5 preparation of documents for filing in the selected target jurisdiction by
6 the selected associate.

1 9. The information system of claim 5, wherein for a particular selected target
2 jurisdiction and associate combination, the particularized requirements include:
3 an encoding of at least one paper required by the particular selected associate.

1 10. The information system of claim 5,
2 wherein the originating node includes a computer of a managing attorney or
3 intellectual property owner; and
4 wherein the target nodes include computers of respective associates
5 configured to electronically receive at least a portion of the intellectual
6 property filing from the managing attorney or intellectual property
7 owner via the intellectual property filing portal.

1 11. The information system of claim 5,
2 wherein the originating node includes a web browser;
3 wherein in the intellectual property filing portal includes a web server; and
4 wherein the selection of at least one target jurisdiction and associate, the
5 supplying of the particularized requirements, and the receiving of one
6 or more intellectual property filings prepared in accordance with the
7 particularized requirements are achieved, at least in part, using internet
8 protocol traffic between the web browser and the web server.

1 12. The information system of claim 5,
2 wherein the intellectual property filing portal is further responsive to
3 registration by the associates of their particularized requirements for
4 target jurisdictions;
5 wherein the supplied particularized requirements include those registered by
6 the selected associates.

1 13. The information system of claim 5,
2 wherein the network includes one or more of a packet switched network
3 segment, a circuit switched network segment, a public network
4 segment, a private network segment, a public switched
5 telecommunications network segment, and a virtual private network.

1 14. The information system of claim 5, wherein the received intellectual
2 property filings include one or more of:
3 a computer readable encoding of a technical document including specification
4 and claims formatted in accordance with the supplied particularized
5 requirements of at least a first of the selected target jurisdictions; and
6 a computer readable encoding of information for completion of a filing paper,
7 request for examination or transmittal in accordance with the supplied
8 particularized requirements of the first selected target jurisdiction and
9 the selected associate therefor.

1 15. A method of operating an intellectual property filing portal, the method
2 comprising:
3 servicing intellectual property filing transactions using a network accessible
4 information service;
5 responsive to a selection by a user of a target jurisdiction and associate,
6 supplying the user, via the network, with a computer readable encoding
7 of one or more form documents, wherein the form documents are
8 specific to the target jurisdiction and associate; and
9 receiving from the user, via the network, at least a portion of a set of filing
10 documents, and forwarding same to the selected associate for filing in
11 the selected target jurisdiction.

1 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 registering associates for the making of intellectual property filings in
3 respective target jurisdictions, the registering including updating a data
4 store with computer readable encodings of form documents particular
5 to an associate and one or more target jurisdictions.

1 17. The method of claim 15, further comprising:
2 quoting fees associated with both the target jurisdiction and the associate,
3 wherein the supplying of the computer readable encoding of one or more form
4 documents is contingent upon authorization by the user of the quoted
5 fees.

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in response to the selections, supplying target jurisdiction and associate-specific documents for completion;
receiving the completed target jurisdiction and associate-specific documents and technical documents; and
forwarding the technical documents, together with respective of the target jurisdiction and associate-specific documents, to each of the selected associates for filing in respective of the selected target jurisdictions.

23. The method of claim 22, further comprising:
quoting fees associated with the selected target jurisdictions and associates, wherein the supplying of target jurisdiction and associate-specific documents for completion is contingent upon authorization by the user of the quoted fees.

24. The computer implemented method of claim 22, further comprising:
populating the target jurisdiction and associate-specific documents with matter specific information.

25. A computer implemented method for initiating filing of one or more intellectual property related documents, said method comprising:
selecting one or more target jurisdictions from amongst a set of supported jurisdictions; and
for each selected target jurisdiction,
obtaining a computer readable encoding of one or more form documents, wherein the form documents are specific to the target jurisdiction and to a respective associate therefor; and
supplying at least a portion of a set of filing documents, for transfer to the respective associate for filing in the selected target jurisdiction.

26. The computer implemented method of claim 25, further comprising for each selected target jurisdiction:
completing the one or more form documents in accordance with matter specific information retrieved from a data store.

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39. The method of claim 33,
wherein the one or more intellectual property related documents include at
least one of an intellectual property application, an amendment, a
transmittal paper, an appointment of agent, and a legalization paper.

40. The method of claim 33, further comprising:
representing the intellectual property application data in a target-neutral
format prior to the transforming thereof.

41. A computer implemented method of preparing one or more intellectual
property filings, said method comprising:
receiving a selection of one or more target jurisdictions from an originating
computer system;
responsive to the selection, supplying the originating computer system with a
computer readable encoding of filing requirements for the selected
target jurisdictions; and
receiving in computer readable form, at least one document prepared at the
originating computer system in accordance with the computer readable
encoding of filing requirements.

42. The computer implemented method of claim 41, further comprising:
for each target jurisdiction selection, also receiving a selection of attorney or
agent,
wherein the computer readable encoding of filing requirements includes
attorney- or agent- specific requirements.

43. The computer implemented method of claim 41, further comprising:
transmitting, for at least one of the selected target jurisdictions, a computer
readable encoding of a technical document for filing in the at least one
selected target jurisdiction.

1 44. An information system for preparing intellectual property filings for at
2 least one target in accordance with requirements therefor, the information system
3 comprising:

4 a selection facility by which a user thereof selects the at least one target;
5 a retrieval interface to intellectual property application data stored;
6 a retrieval interface to target requirement data;
7 a filing preparation facility responsive to the selection facility to
8 transform the intellectual property application data into a target-
9 specific intellectual property application filing format in
10 accordance with the target requirement data; and
11 prepare at least one additional document in accordance with the
12 intellectual property application and target requirement data
13 for each target selected by the user.

1 45. The information system of claim 44, further comprising:
2 a communications interface for transmitting the transformed intellectual
3 property application data and the at least one additional document for
4 filing.

1 46. The information system of claim 44, further comprising:
2 a data store, responsive to the retrieval interface, for storing the intellectual
3 property application data.

1 47. The information system of claim 44,
2 wherein the target includes a target jurisdiction or convention; and
3 wherein the target requirement data includes filing requirements for the target
4 jurisdiction or convention.

1 48. The information system of claim 47,
2 wherein the target further includes an attorney or agent; and
3 wherein the target requirement data further includes attorney- or agent-specific
4 requirements.

49. The information system of claim 44,
wherein the intellectual property application data includes a priority
application corresponding to a previously filed intellectual property
application.

50. The information system of claim 44,
wherein the target-specific intellectual property application filing format is an
electronic format for transmission to the target.

51. The information system of claim 44,
embodied as a client application executable on a originating computer and
implementing:
the selection facility,
the retrieval interface to intellectual property application data,
the retrieval interface to target requirement data; and
the translation facility
and including a communications interface to a server application; and
wherein at least the target requirement data is hosted by the server application.

52. A computer program product encoded in a computer readable medium,
the computer program product comprising:
selection code executable to select one or more target jurisdictions and
respective associates from amongst a set of target jurisdictions and
associates therefor;
retrieval code executable to retrieve, in accordance with the selection, a
computer readable encoding of target jurisdiction- and associate-
specific filing requirements;
document preparation code executable to prepare one or more target
jurisdiction- and associate-specific documents in accordance with the
retrieved requirements; and
filing initiation code executable to transmit the prepared documents for filing
by the selected one or more associates in the selected one or more
target jurisdictions.

53. The computer program product of claim 52,
wherein the selection code, the retrieval code, the document preparation code
and filing initiation code are all executable on a same processor.

54. A method of making a computer readable encoding of one or more target
jurisdiction- and associate-specific form documents, the method comprising:
maintaining a data store of target jurisdiction- and associate-specific form
documents for transacting an intellectual property filing in the target
jurisdictions using respective of the associates;
encoding, based on contents of the data store, an enumeration, for transmission
to a computer, of at least a subset of the target jurisdictions and
respective of the associates therefor;
receiving a selection of one or more of the target jurisdictions and respective
associates;
retrieving, based on the selection, corresponding of the target jurisdiction- and
associate-specific form documents; and
encoding as a response to the selection for transmission to the computer, the
retrieved target jurisdiction- and associate-specific form documents.

55. The method of claim 54, further comprising:
registering individual of the associates for fulfillment of intellectual property
filings in respective of the target jurisdictions.

56. An intellectual property filing preparation system comprising:
means for selecting one or more target jurisdictions and respective associates;
means for obtaining form documents specific to each selected target
jurisdiction and associate;
means for completing the obtained form documents in accordance with matter
specific data; and
means for transmitting a technical document and respective of the completed
form documents for filing by the selected associates.

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